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The Rounders' Warning.

BY LEMON PEEL.

Do not trust him, gentle German,
Though his voice is clear and sweet,
Heed him not, he'll never pay thee,
He was never known to cheat.
Give him what you ask, and warning
He will turn and leave the spot,
Take in a timely friendly warning,
Cheesy German, trust him not!

Do not turn thy nose up at me,
For already 'tis too pig,
I tell thee, 'tis thy master's welfare
That this would save the jug,
I would save thee from the danger,
Shield thee from that drunken soot,
Do not trust that smooth tongued stranger,
Lest perchance thou trust me not.

Trust him, if thou wilt mark me!
You may, with both respect,
You that have lost a suspense,
I, when I've got not a cent,
And would ask thee for a toddy,
His trick will then not be forgot,
You'll say "Nix! I trusts nobody!"
So I pray thee trust him not.

LOST.

The Story of Four Young Men.

V.—MARQUIS COTESBURY AT THIRTY-SIX.

(Continued.)

On the next day, the last of my stay, I was compelled, much against my wish, to attend a great dinner-party which Marquis had assembled in compliment to me—which some of the most celebrated statesmen, lawyers, and judges of the day were present—and at this entertainment I saw Mrs. Cotesbury for the only time during my visit. Plainly the intelligence of her brother's awful death had not reached her; or, if she knew of it, her powers of self-control were immense. Marquis was undoubtedly ignorant of it.

The beautiful Caroline Francis of old times was terribly changed. Her countenance had lost all its bloom and roundness; and from the thin, pale face looked forth a pair of haggard eyes, filled with an expression of silent suffering and rigid endurance of pain. Her gait was slow and unsteady, as is seen in confirmed invalids; and when she gravely inclined to me, and gave me her cold, white hand, I felt as though I had exchanged salutations with a ghost. A single daughter had been the result of the marriage, but the child, whose name was Aurora, did not appear at the set dinner.

I shall not dwell upon the splendid banquet, from which Mrs. Cotesbury made her escape at the earliest moment which etiquette would permit—gliding past me noiselessly like a shadow, and impressing me more powerfully than before with the idea that she belonged to another state of being. The company were a set of *bon vivants*, men of the old school, who drank deep and played high, as though to revenge themselves in passionate stimulants for the toil and burdens of their public stations. On that evening I saw senators drowsy, and heard them stammer witness jests, or unworthy anecdotes; great lawyers exchanged *facéties* which I will not repeat; judges nodded under the effect of their potations, and abdicated the dignity of Themis for the cap and bells of Harlequin. It was a wild revel, and the wildest reveler of all was Marquis. The quantities of wine which he drank were perfectly astounding. As before, however, the wine produced merely a slight change in his voice, and a species of unsteadiness in walking, when the banquet over, he led the way to the card-tables.

Here the playing was on a scale corresponding to the excesses which had preceded it. Marquis and Judge—engaged each other, and in an hour Marquis had won two thousand dollars. He lit a fresh cigar, and recommended, when an hour afterward, the party broke up, Marquis had lost his winnings and five thousand dollars in addition. He scribbled a line in his check-book, and tearing out the leaf, pushed it to the Judge with a gay laugh—the most careless imaginable.

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At sight of her I saw past over Marquis's face an expression of the deepest love; and when he held out his arms and spoke to her, his strident voice melted into music. But the child for a moment shrank from him—yielding at last to his caresses with a cold respect, even it seemed, some fear. The quick and jealous eye of the father discerned it, and a shadow of most acute wretchedness made his brow gloomy. There was no anger, however; and releasing her with grave tenderness, he kissed her brow, and bade the nurse reconduct her upstairs. She disappeared as she came, bestowing upon me the same look as she went a look so filled with strange pathos and settled sorrow that it haunted me for years.

As the door closed Marquis let his powerful hand fall upon the delicate stand containing the wine—carried away, it seemed, by a rush of feeling. The table yielded, and its contents were hurled to the floor. Then rising, the unhappy man for some moments paced the apartment with rapid and unsteady steps, passing his hand more than once across his eyes. When he again fell into his seat, I saw that there were scalding tears at his palms and settled sorrow that it haunted me for years.

"You have seen," he murmured, hoarsely, "my own child is afraid of me!—my Aurora, my little flower, whose slightest happiness I would purchase with my life! They have told her that I cause her mother's sickness, and her heart is already gone from me—wretched me!"

And I saw two scalding tears escape through the fingers covering his eyes.

"I, who love my child more than life—I can not gain her heart! She fears me, shrinks from me, shudders when I caress her, and I love her heart is already gone from me—wretched me!"

Never have I heard a cry of such profound wretchedness wrung more despairingly from the depths of the human heart. It was a spectacle of agony unspeakable to listen to the unhappy man thus mourning over the coldness of his own child!

I arrived on the day succeeding this terrible scene, and entered the chamber of the unfortunate man. In a corner, erect, motionless, and silent, stood the eternal figure of Jugurtha, and in his measured and respectful salutes I discerned no change. Marquis was in an apathetic state, and two physicians were whispering at his bedside.

I drew the curtain, and looked upon him. I shall never forget that face. It makes me thrill now—the simple memory—with a strange and awful horror and compassion. I would have it if you. See my boy, the devil's got hold of me—but he has not conquered. You see my hand's steady yet!"

And catching the decanter by the neck, he hurled it full in the centre of a magnificent mirror, which burst into a thousand pieces, and fell to the floor with a tremendous crash. I rose sorrowfully, and held out my hand.

"Ah!" cried Marquis, laughing, "don't mind my little jokes! You are going so soon, eh? Well, take care of yourself, old fellow! As for me, I'm not going to bed yet. I haven't commenced drinking. Jugurtha!"

The servant appeared, silent and reverent, like an attendant imp.

"Jugurtha, the whisky!"

VI.—THE END OF THE DRAMA.

My sad narrative approaches its termination. After the scenes which I have just related, Marquis Cotesbury and myself did not meet again for seven years.

They had been seven years of such excesses as we only read of in the strange annals of the Roman emperors. But the long-delayed retribution came on surely. One day I was summoned by a hurried letter from Mrs. Cotesbury to come and see my poor friend. I hastened to, and again entered the splendid mansion, which even now conveys to my mind, whenever I pass it, the idea of an arena upon which has been enacted some wild carnival—the stage of

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Citizenship.

In the matter of contest between Mr. Nuttman and Mr. Whitney, the former intends to invalidate the election, if possible, on the ground that persons not citizens of the United States, voted for Mr. Whitney. In regard to this objection, we find by reference to the proceedings of the Board of Delegates, that the subject has been treated of before.

At a special meeting of the Board of Delegates, held February 14, 1856, called to consider that portion of Mr. Hawes Consolidation Bill, referring to the Fire Department, and other matters, Section 3d, of the amended Law relative to the formation of Companies, was read. Mr. Hoff delegate from Pennsylvania Fire Co. No. 12, moved as an amendment, that after the words "twenty one years of age," and "Citizen of the United States," be inserted.

After considerable discussion, and motions and counter motions, the amendment of Mr. Hoff was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—McCarthy and Hunt, of 1; Babcock, of 2; Boruck, of 4; and of 10; V. C. Finigan, of 15; Buckley and States, of H. & L., 12.

Nays—Wason, of 2; Rand and McCarty, of 3; Hixon, of 4; Hosefros, of 6; Lane, of 7; Tucker and Buckley, of 11; Clapp and Reed, of 14; Hoffman of H. & L. 8; and President Jones, 12.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Delegates held March 12, 1856, the minutes of the Secretary, of the meeting of February 16th were on motion of Mr. Moore amended to read, that the amendment of Mr. Hoff to Section 3, was adopted. Mr. Jones having insisted that he voted in the affirmative.—The Secretary was then directed to notify the San Francisco delegation to the Legislature of the same.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Delegates held April 9th, 1856, Messrs. Boruck, Vreeland and Hosefros, the Committee appointed by the Board to secure the passage of the amendments to the Consolidation Bill, reported, that outside interference was being exerted to defeat the amendments asked for which would succeed unless there was a direct vote of the Board taken upon the matter. Accordingly Mr. Moore presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to urge the passage of the Fire Department Law, as reported from the Board.

Mr. Hosefros, stated that he could not under that resolution consistently remain upon the Committee, as he would not urge the passage of the amendment making all firemen citizens of the United States, he therefore asked to be excused from serving upon the Committee.

Mr. Hosefros was then excused.

On motion of Mr. Hoff, the resolutions of instruction to the Committee first passed, were rescinded.

Mr. Heydenfeldt presented the following amendment:

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On motion of Mr. Moore the blank in the resolution was filled with "three."

Mr. Buckley made a motion that the resolution be indefinitely postponed. The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Moore, moved to strike out, and other legal gentlemen of eminence.

The motion was lost on a division vote. Ayes, 8—Nays, 18.

Mr. Hoff moved that after the words "Attorney General of the State," and the "District Attorney," be inserted. Adopted on a division vote. Ayes, 20—Nays, 7.

The resolution was then passed as amended.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Delegates held May 26th 1856, the Committee on the rights of aliens to vote for department officers, presented the annexed report:

SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC.

At the Board of Delegates S. F. Fire Dept.:

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution in relation to aliens voting for officers of the Fire Department of this city, beg leave to report, that in accordance with said resolution they addressed a communication to the Attorney General of the State, and the Attorney of this county, asking his opinion in writing on the subject; to which the enclosed communications have been referred in reply thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FLORENCE MAHONY, Committee.

H. A. COBB.

ATTY GEN'T. OFFICE, April 29, 1856.

GENTLEMEN:—I have received your letter requesting my opinion as to the legality of Aliens attached to the Fire Department voting for Chief and Assistant Engineers at the annual election. I do not regard this question as one involving the capacity of an alien to exercise the political franchise.

I am of opinion that an Alien may become a member of the Fire Department, and be allowed to vote at the annual election, if he has no interest in the same, being conclusive in favor of his right.

Very Respectfully,

WILLIAM T. WALLACE,

Attorney General State of California.

To Messrs. H. A. Cobb, and others, Com., &c.

DIST. ATTY'S OFFICE, May 3d, 1856.
GENTLEMEN:—Your communication of the 17th April, asking my opinion as to the legality of Aliens attached to the Fire Department voting for Chief and Assistant Engineers at the annual election for said officers has been received.

I have examined the several documents relative to this question, and of course have been unable to find any provision, either in express terms, or by legal implication, by which the members of the Department, whether Aliens or not, are prohibited from voting for the officers above referred to.

I remain &c.,
Your ob't serv't,

H. B. BYRNE.

To FLORENCE MAHONY, Committee.

JOHN J. HOFF, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Sinton, the Secretary was instructed to spread the report of the committee in full upon the minutes of the Board.

Considering that when Mr. Nuttman was elected by "twenty-two" majority, that no "contest" was made on such grounds, it is in very bad taste for him to advance that plea now.

TIGER'S HOUSE.—The completion of the house for Tiger Engine Co. No. 14, will be immediately commenced; the specifications have been drawn and approved by the proper parties, and the contract will be closed with dispatch. The house is to be two stories in height, each 15 feet in depth, the first story of iron, of a neat tasteful and beautiful style, and the second story of pressed brick. The roof is to be surmounted with a cupola, in which, if agreeable to the company, it is greatly to be desired that a District Bell should be placed. It is a matter of vital importance, not only to No. 14, but to Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 11, all of which companies have a number of members residing in the Valley. By concerted action on the part of those companies, a sufficient amount could easily be secured to place in the belfry of No. 14, a bell suitable for the purposes intended.

WHEREAS, Had the Board of Delegates appointed a committee to privately examine our books, we were compelled to demand upon our Foreman, and Secretary to make a deposit upon them, and the committee, and especially the chairman, nothing to fear from a minute investigation of said company's books or papers, minutes, nevertheless considering said temporary demand arbitrary, unjust, and an assumption of power not guaranteed by any existing law of the department, and

WHEREAS, Article No. 33, Section No. 7, of the By-laws of this company, which together with our constitution, was accepted by the Board of Delegates, declares that severe punishment shall be meted out to any member of this company, who shall have given to any person, or persons, who shall have come to us, any information concerning the conduct of our company, or any other company, we have gone and did it! I would like to know if some of the intermediate chiefs wouldn't like a show. I look upon it as an invidious distinction, and the idea of sticking portraits upon an exempt certificate, to say the least is in very bad taste. I have been unable as yet to get a look at either the accepted or rejected designs, if I had, I would have sent you some idea of each one.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and held their annual election last Monday evening, which resulted in the re-election of most of the old officers, although No. 4, decapitated one who I had reference to in a former letter. Five had a jolly time after their meeting, and remembered the printers by sending some Heidsick to the poor devils, may their shadow never be less than the coat and forget when his turn came.

The Board of Delegates had a meeting on Tuesday evening, and adopted the new exempt certificate by accepting the design of Nahib Bros. They also ordered the inserting of the portraits of first and present Chief in said design, well now they will not allow us to enumerate. We will here say however, that Jeffers' first class engines throw generally from 200 feet and upwards. The annexed is the list referred to:

"Griffon," Providence, R. I.; end stroke; a prize at New Haven, Ct., 1855; due at Hartford, Ct., 1857; do, at Providence, 1857.

"Deluge," Brookfield, Mass.; side stroke; a prize at Springfield, Mass., 1853.

"Deluge," Northampton, Mass.; side stroke; a prize at W. Washington, 1854.

"Neptune," N. O.; a \$500 prize in 1855.

"Augusta," Augusta, Ga.; end stroke; a prize in 1856.

"Vigilant," Charleston, S. C.; and stroke; Mayor prize, 1856 and '57.

"Washington," Cleveland, O.; end stroke; med. 1856.

"Torment," Mobile, Ala.; side stroke; at two different times in 1856, a flag and a trumpet.

"Washington," Savannah, Ga.; side stroke; a prize in 1856.

"Tiger," Haverhill, Mass.; a prize in 1856.

The reputation achieved by these engines, has enabled us to obtain the services of our company to the extent of 1000 feet of hose, 12 inch nozzle, played 150 feet; but stream through 800 feet of hose, 28 feet; some stream through 500 feet of hose, 55 feet. This playing is the very best ever made in the State of California. The engine of No. 9 is a side stroke, of first class build.

Messrs. Jeffers & Co., are now constructing a side stroke engine for Pacific Engine Co. No. 8, of this city. The cylinders are to be 8½ inch. She is to be shipped on the 1st of February, and upon her arrival here, will doubtless be found to be an elegant and useful piece of fire apparatus.

Communication from Young America Engine Co. No. 13.

To the President and Members of the Board of Delegates:

GENTLEMEN:—The Company of which I am Foreman has been summoned to appear with their papers, constitution, by laws and roll before your honorable body. We do not know the object of this demand or the motives of the gentleman who has made it, but we are anxious to know what may question the right of the Board to examine the affairs of ours, or any other Company, we are always willing to submit our books to the inspection of any of the constituted authorities of the Department. We have delivered the books and papers of our Company to our Delegates, who will present them to your honorable body; and any other papers or documents which we may have, we will cheerfully give by requesting it of us through the Board of Delegates. There is an implication in the motives of Mr. Baldwin, that an inspection of our records will show, on our part, some wrong doing. It is due to us, we think, and it can in no way detract from the reputation of Mr. Baldwin, to state the reasons which prompted us to call for the books and papers of our Company.

Respectfully yours, MICHAEL HAYES,
Foreman Y. A. Engine Co. No. 13
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26th, 1857.

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ROBERT B. QUAYLE.—By late advice from Philadelphia, we learn of the dangerous illness of Mr. Quayle. For a long time he has been suffering from that most afflicting disease—consumption, and at the time of the parade of his favorite company, the National Guard, Philadelphia, Nov 16th, so debilitated was he, that he was compelled to ride in a carriage, over the route of the procession. Mr. Quayle has many friends here, whose hearts will be saddened, when the news of his demise reaches them. In every relation of life he was beloved and esteemed, and his passing away from earth, at a time when his usefulness was being felt, will be a source of deep regret to those who have associated with him.

DOWNIEVILLE.—It is with extreme regret we chronicle the partial destruction of this flourishing city by fire. It occurred at 6 p.m., on New Years day, and in one and a half hours, Main street as far up as the upper Plaza, together with Bridge street and Commercial street, as far as the Methodist church, was in ruins. The loss amounts to \$50,000, and the entire business portion of the town is destroyed. From a statement published in the Herald yesterday, we observe that many of the people of Downieville, are by reason of their losses entirely destitute of every comfort. San Francisco should certainly do something for them, and in our opinion the initiative steps, should be taken upon the amendment of Mr. Heydenfeldt, the ayes and nays being demanded.

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DELEGATE.—Charles S. Biden, was elected delegate on Wednesday evening, from Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, vice Wm. L. Elam. The latter individual at the last meeting of the Board of Delegates, was proven to have received various sums of money for electioneering and other purposes, giving promises to vote for Mr. Whitney, but afterwards voting for Mr. Nuttman; at the same time thinking it unnecessary to give up the "change" with his "change" of opinion in regard to Chief.

THE resolution was then passed as amended.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Delegates held May 26th 1856, the Committee on the rights of aliens to vote for department officers, presented the annexed report:

SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC.

At the Board of Delegates S. F. Fire Dept.:

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution in relation to aliens voting for officers of the Fire Department of this city, beg leave to report, that in accordance with said resolution they addressed a communication to the Attorney General of the State, and the Attorney of this county, asking his opinion in writing on the subject; to which the enclosed communications have been referred in reply thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FLORENCE MAHONY, Committee.

H. A. COBB.

ATTY GEN'T. OFFICE, April 29, 1856.

GENTLEMEN:—I have received your letter requesting my opinion as to the legality of Aliens attached to the Fire Department voting for Chief and Assistant Engineers at the annual election for said officers has been received.

I have examined the several documents relative to this question, and of course have been unable to find any provision, either in express terms, or by legal implication, by which the members of the Department, whether Aliens or not, are prohibited from voting for the officers above referred to.

I remain &c.,
Your ob't serv't,

H. B. BYRNE.

To FLORENCE MAHONY, Committee.

JOHN J. HOFF, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Sinton, the Secretary was instructed to spread the report of the committee in full upon the minutes of the Board.

Considering that when Mr. Nuttman was elected by "twenty-two" majority, that no "contest" was made on such grounds

